## **REMARKS**

The present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/821,811, filed March 30, 2001.

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application as well as amendments to the specification made during the prosecution of the parent application. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing. The attached Sequence Listing is the same as the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing filed July 2, 2001, in the parent application Serial No. 09/821,811, filed March 30, 2001. The Office is requested to use the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed July 2, 2001, in the parent application Serial No. 09/821,811 for the present application. A separate Request in this regard is attached. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-47 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 48-87 have been added and are pending. No new matter has been added.

A copy of the Declaration from the parent application Serial No. 09/821,811, is attached.

An Information Disclosure Statement is attached and the Examiner is requested to return an initialed copies of the PTO-1449 Forms, pursuant to MPEP § 609.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge the acceptability, or otherwise object to, the attached drawings in the Examiner's first Action.

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge receipt by the Patent Office of the priority document filed in the parent application Serial No. 09/821,811 on March 30, 2001.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the presently claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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